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**REPLY:**  
**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Dear Sir:

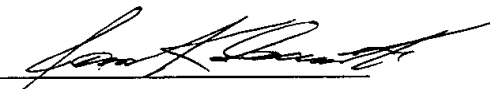
In response to the Office Action dated August 15, 2000, this Reply is being filed within one-month following expiration of the shortened statutory period for response. A Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time and the appropriate fee accompany this Reply.

The Examiner has requested an election of species under 35 U.S.C. §121. The Examiner notes that the present generic claim encompasses a crop composition comprising one or more active compounds, inorganic absorbents and surfactants. Applicant has been advised that a Reply must include an identification of a single disclosed composition comprising a single specifically named active compound, plus a single specifically named inorganic absorbent and a single specifically named surfactant, as well as a listing of all claims readable thereon.

Applicant elects, with traverse, to prosecute the invention comprising biscarbamates (active compound), silicic acids (inorganic absorbent) and tridecanols having from 5 to 13 ethoxy units (surfactants), which includes Claims 1-13.

Favorable consideration of the subject application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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